III. *Jeypore-Malkangiri railway line* (100 *km*) &

IV. *Rayagada Gopalpur Port railway line* (165 *km*)

Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects, it is not proposed to take up Jeypore-Malkangiri and Rayagada-Gopalpur Port railway lines, for the present.

Railway Line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora (Orissa)

146. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct a railway line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the estimated amount to be spent thereon and when the construction work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Supply to Ceramic Units

147. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of ceramic units catering various industrial consumer items are facing problems in getting coal at normal prices :

(b) if so, the details thereof : and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to provide coal at normal rate to these units ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) Government have been giving preference in allotment of railway wagons for movement of coal to priority sectors which include power, cement, steel, railways, fertilizers and aluminium. Due to limited availability of railway wagons, coal movement by rail to other consumers including ceramic industries has been affected. They may, therefore, have to meet their requirements by moving coal by road which is more expensive. Steps are being taken to augment the availability of railway wagons for coal loading through faster turn around of wagons and reducing loading and unloading time.

Purchase of Air Craft from Soviet Union

148. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to purchase civilian passenger aircraft from the Soviet Union ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of comparative competitiveness in the international market ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Presently, there is no proposal to purchase any civilian passenger aircraft from Soviet Union.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.